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From: Jim Geer <jim.geer@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 6:49 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: KEEP APS SOLAR HOT-WATER HEATING PROGRAM



Dear Commissioner Burns:

We understand that Arizona Public Service has discontinued their solar water heating program in their plans for 2017. We are writing to let you know that we feel that this is a mistake that will have a negative impact Arizona's energy supply in coming years.

We understand that there is a high percentage of electric water heaters in Arizona. Our decision to go solar was based on the high cost of heating water with electricity. Our solar water heating system provides all of the hot water we need during the summer months, and a large percentage the rest of the year. We simply shut the electricity off to our solar water heater's backup heating element 8 to 9 months a year. From our experience with solar water heating, there is no reason that anyone should be using electricity to heat water, especially during the summertime when electricity is in high demand.

Maintaining solar water heating programs is good energy policy for Arizona and helps our utilities keep the power on. **Please support a continued program in APS Service territory.**

Arizona Corporation Commission

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